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1. EMBASSY STRONGLY FEELS THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL,
ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF VARIOUS OTHER RELATED INITIATIVES
UNDERWAY IN MADRID, TO INCLUDE SPANISH MILITARY OBSERVERS
INCLUDING, FOR INSTANCE, SPANISH CMCPS AND AD HOC COMMITTEE
PERSONNEL, FROM MADRID IN INVITATIONS DISCUSSED IN REFTELS,
RATHER THAN LIMITING IT TO ATTACHES WHOSE INFLUENCE IN MADRID
IS PROBABLY LIMITED. THIS APPROACH COULD DEAL WITH PROBLEM
OF NO ATTACHE IN COPENHAGEN AND WOULD OFFER GREATER AND
MORE PRODUCTIVE EXPOSURE TO SPANISH.

2. WITH THE RECENT INAUGURATION OF THE US SPANISH
COMBINED MILITARY COORDINATION AND PLANNING STAFF
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(CMCPS), A SERIES OF ORIENTATION VISITS BY SPANISH CMCPS
PERSONNEL (ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR US COUNTERPARTS) TO US EUROPEAN
COMMANDS HAS BEGUN, ALSO IN PLANNING
ARE LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS BRINGING
TO THE SPANISH MILITARY INCREASED AWARENESS OF THE
US (AND ALLIED) PLANS AND PROCEDURES. SPANISH CMCPS
OBSERVERS AT NATO EXERCISES THIS FALL WOULD THUS HAVE

SPECIAL UTILITY.

3. LIKEWISE THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION WITH NATO, ALSO ESTABLISHED UNDER THE TREATY AND WHICH INCLUDES MILITARY MEMBERS ON THE SPANISH SIDE. IS SERVING AS A CHANNEL FOR INFORMING THE GOS AS TO THE FORM STRUCTURE, AND FUNCTION OF THE ALLIANCE. INCLUSION OF SOME SPANISH MEMBERS OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE IN VISITS TO EXERCISES WOULD BE ANOTHER MEANS OF ASSISTING AND ENCOURAGING THE SPANISH AS THEY HELP PREPARE THE GOS POSITION ON POSSIBLE MEMBERSHIP IN THE ALLIANCE.

4. THEREFORE WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE THAT IT BE SUGGESTED TO THE SPANISH THAT THEY MAY WISH TO SEND CMCPS, AD HOC COMMITTEE OR OTHER MADRID PERSONNEL ON VISITS. WE RECOMMEND THAT WE BE AUTHORIZED TO APPROACH GOS SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH INVITATIONS EXTENDED IN BONN, BRUSSLES, AND COPENHAGEN IN THIS VEIN. REQUEST SOME INIDCATION HOW LARGE A GROUP COULD BE ACCOMODATED AT EACH EXERCISE,IN CASE THEY WISH TO SEND MORE THAN ONE OBSERVER. STABLER

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